

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 22 are pending in the instant application after the current Amendments. Applicants have cancelled Claims 7-21 and currently amended Claims 1, 3 and 22. WHEREIN, Claims 1-5 and 22 remain to be examined. No new matter has been added. No additional claims fee is believed to be due. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the originally filed claims in the future.

Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 and 5-6 under 35 USC 112. Applicants, per the Examiner's suggestion, have:

- 1) amended "V", in Claim 1, to remove the term "aryl" and add "phenyl" (support for this amendment can be found in the compounds identified in the Schemes and Examples). Applicant notes that there is no "heteroaryl" definition to remove.
- 2) amended "R⁴", in Claim 1, to remove the "heterocyclo" definition (support for this amendment can be found in the compounds identified in the Schemes and Examples).

Applicants note that US 10/510,611 is abandoned and therefore a terminal disclaimer is not required.

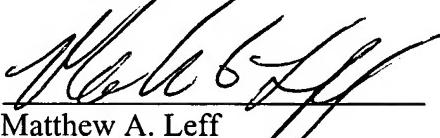
Applicant has removed the "pharmaceutical" definition in Claim 22 as per the Examiners instructions.

Applicant has currently amended Claim 3 for clarity.

Applicants respectfully contend that the Examiner's rejections are now moot, and that Claims 1-5 and 22 are allowable. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If a telephonic communication with Applicant's representative will aid in the advancement of the prosecution of this application, please telephone the representative indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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